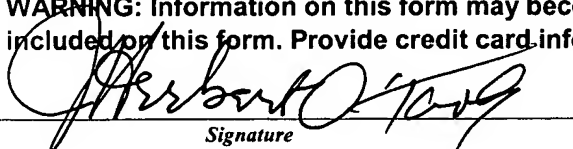
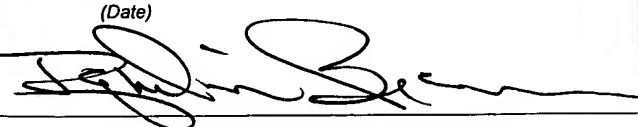


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this application please amend the application as indicated. Amendments to the claims may be found at page 2 of the paper.

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